AUTUMN SPLENDOR IN CANADA & NEW ENGLAND
A Voyage from Quebec to Boston
With Cornell Professor MARY BETH NORTON
Aboard the Deluxe Le Soléal
September 20–28, 2017
Dear CAUers,

The coastlines between Quebec and Boston are among the most magnificent in North America. Carved by nature millions of years ago, celebrated by naturalists such as Henry David Thoreau and robber barons such as John D. Rockefeller, this extraordinary journey introduces you to breathtaking landscapes, an incredible concentration of wildlife, and Old World cultures that took root and flourished in the New World.

At Saguenay National Park, we’ll explore the 65-mile-long fjord that is one of Canada’s natural treasures. From the decks of Le Soléal and from the cliffs above the fjord, we’ll watch for blue, minke, beluga, and fin whales. In Nova Scotia, Le Soléal will dock at Lunenberg, a port town founded by the English in 1753. A walking tour leads us through the historic Old Town, named a World Heritage site by UNESCO, and renowned for homes, shops, and businesses which are painted in vibrant shades of red, blue, yellow, and green.

Sailing south, we go ashore on Maine’s Mount Desert Island to explore Acadia National Park, the oldest national park on the U.S.’s east coast. Acadia is remarkable for its soaring granitemountains, including Mount Cadillac, the highest peak in the eastern United States. On the last day of our voyage we will sail to Boston to discover the sites where American independence was born, and then travel to Salem, site of the notorious witch trials of 1692.

On this voyage we will be joined by history professor Mary Beth Norton of Cornell University. A Pulitzer Prize finalist and a popular teacher, Professor Norton is an expert in the exploration and settlement of North America.

This autumn, as foliage begins to turn color, join us aboard Le Soléal and discover for yourself the glorious landscapes and fascinating history that stretches from Quebec to Boston.

Sincerely,

Catherine Sutton Penner
Director
Cornell’s Adult University
MARY BETH NORTON is the Mary Donlon Alger Professor of American History at Cornell University, where she has taught since 1971 and where she is also Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow. In addition to her knowledge of early North American settlements, she is well versed in exploration of the Atlantic, having for six years taught with Cornell astronomer Steven Squyres a one-of-a-kind and extremely popular undergraduate course: “History of Exploration: Land, Sea, and Space.” Her book The British-Americans (1972) won the Allan Nevins Prize of the Society of American Historians; her Founding Mothers & Fathers (1996) was a finalist for the 1997 Pulitzer Prize in history; and her In the Devil’s Snare (2002) was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times book award in History. Her most recent book is Separated by Their Sex (2011), and she is currently working on a new book on the period immediately preceding the outbreak of fighting in the American Revolution. Mary Beth was Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions at Cambridge University and has held fellowships from the Rockefeller, Guggenheim, Mellon, and Starr Foundations, as well as from Princeton University and the Huntington Library.
Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
USA | QUEBEC CITY, CANADA | EMBARK  
Fly to Quebec City and transfer to the pier to embark *Le Soléal* in late afternoon. Enjoy a welcome reception aboard. (D)

Thursday, September 21  
SAGUENAY  
We explore Saguenay National Park on a guided walking tour that includes a stop at the informative Interpretation Centre. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 22  
TADOUSSAC  
A walking tour visits Les Jardins de la Greve, Chauvin Trading Post, La Petite Chapelle, and the Marine Mammal Interpretation Centre. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 23  
PERCE  
Board a local boat for a tour of the National Park of Bonaventure Island and Perce Rock, rising out of the sea to a height of almost 300 feet. Its neighbor, Bonaventure Island, houses a migratory bird sanctuary with the largest concentration of Northern Gannets in North America. (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 24  
CAP AUX MEULES, ILES-DE-LA-MADELEINE  
The Magdalen Islands remain an Acadian stronghold, where the legacy of the 17th-century colonists who settled here and defended their autonomy against both British and French lives on. (B,L,D)

Monday, September 25  
LUNENBURG, NOVA SCOTIA  
The 18th-century village of Lunenburg is known for seafaring and natural beauty. A walking tour of the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the best surviving example of a British colonial settlement in North America, begins our excursion. We also have the opportunity to explore the wonderful Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 26  
BAR HARBOR | ACADIA NATIONAL PARK | BAR HARBOR, MAINE, USA  
Maine’s quaint Bar Harbor on Mount Desert Island was a resort town in the 19th century for influential and wealthy families. Explore the surrounding wilds of Acadia National Park, the first national park in the east, with stops at Sieur de Mont, Thunder Hole and Cadillac Mountain. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 27  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
Our final day of the voyage is spent exploring the historic city of Boston and its environs, including a visit to Salem, site of the witch trials of the 17th century. (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 28  
BOSTON | DISEMBARK  
Disembark and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
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• Complimentary open bar aboard ship
• Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers
• Port taxes and charges
• Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
• Enrichment program of lectures and discussions led by Mary Beth Norton
• 24-hour room service
• Comprehensive pre-departure materials

Not Included

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